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### VIRGINIA GLEANINGS IN ENGLAND.

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(Contributed by Leo Culleton, 92 Piccadilly, London, W., and the late Lothrop Withington.)

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THOMAS DANGERFIELD, of the parishe of Wickwarre, co. Gloucester, Clothier.

Dated 30 April 3 Jas.

Admon 30 May 1605.

My body to be buried in the churchyarde of Wickwarre. To my eldest sonne, JOHN DANGERFIELD, £100. To my eldest daughter, ELIZABETH, £100. To my younger daughter, MARIE, £100. To my sonne, EDWARDE, £120. To my mayde servaunte EDITH ROCH, 20s. To my sister ALICE, wife of RICHARD MABBET, £3. To my sister JONE, £20. To my sister MARIE CHAUNDLER, 40s. To my brother in lawe EDWARD CHAUNDLER, one suite of my apparrell. And to his sonne RICHARD, one cowe, and to his two daughters, 20s. a peece. To my sister KATHERYNE, £4. To my Journy-man, ANTHONY HOULDER, 20s. To my apprentyce EDWARDE MERRET, 10s. To my brother JOHN TROTMAN, two suits of apparell, And to his sonne John, 40s. To the poore of Wickwar, 20s. And to the High wayes there 10s. Residuary Legatee and Sole executor, my sonne THOMAS [sic.]

Overseers:—ROBERT HALE, of Alderley in the Co. of Gloucester, esquire, my father in lawe EDWARDE TROTMAN of Haukesbury, and my brother in lawe THOMAS TROTMAN of Cromwell and JOHN COOPER, Minister, of the Church of Alderly.

My will is that my eldest sonne JOHN and my eldest daughter ELIZABETH, be delivered to the tuition and keeping of Mr. HALE, my daughter MARIE to the keeping of my Father in lawe EDWARD TROTMAN and his daughter ELIZABETH, and my sonne THOMAS to the tuition of my brother in lawe CHRISTOPHER

TROTMAN, of Wynterborne, co. Gloucester, and my sonne EDWARD to be trayned up at the descretion of Mr. HALE and my father in lawe.

Money owing to me:

from JOHN CONNYNGAM, of Bristoll.....	£11.
from THOMAS JEWELL, of Bristoll.....	£5.
from ROBERTE WEBBE of Wickwarre.....	£5.
from GEORGE CHAUNDLER, merchant at London.....	£102.10.

EDWARD TROTMAN	—
THOMAS TROTMAN	—Witnesses
JOHN COOPER	—

Administration 30 May 1605 granted to CHRISTOPHER TROTMAN, during the minority of THOMAS DANGERFIELD the Exor named.

P. C. C. 36 Hayes.

THOMAS DANGERFIELD, Citizen and Haberdasher, of London, intending very shortlie to travell over beyond the Seas abowte my affaires and buisynes.

Dated 29 March 1612.

Proved 17 Feb. 1618-19.

All my Goods chattells, readie money and Debtes whatsoever to be divided into three equal partes. ELLEN, my wife shall have one third part, one other third part unto my Children, viz., THOMAS, WILLIAM, JOSEPH, ROBERT, REBECCA & ELIZABETH equally amongst them, to be paid unto my sonnns at suche tyme as they shall atteyne to the age of twentie one yeares and to my daughters at like age or be severally married. And the other third part I reserve to my selfe. Out of which I bequeath the following.

To my mother a ringe of Golde of the valewe of 30-

To my freind HAUNCE [?HANNC] Mus of Lubycke, a ringe of golde, of same valewe.

To my sister COWDALL and also to my sister ANNYON, 20- to each of them for a ringe.

To HANNC PHILIPP STAMLER, Marchant straunger, my freind, a ringe of golde of 40- valewe.

TO ANNE SYSOLL, of Lubyck, a ringe of golde, of the valewe of 30s.

The residue of my own third, to be divided amongst my Children.

"I entreate my wife to be good and kind to my brother WILLIAM DANGERFIELD yf he become a good husband."

Sole Executrix: ELLEN my wife.

Overseers:—my brothers, RICHARD COWDALL & RICHARD LEE, and my freind Mr. JOHN BRIDGES.

JOHN WARREN, Scr.

EDMOND JEFFERY

GEORGE WATERS, Servant to the said Scrivenor

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--Witnesses

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Proved 17 Feb. 1618-19 by the Sole Executrix named.

P. C. C. 24 Parker.

[It is evident that these Dangerfields were prosperous clothiers and merchants, probably coming originally from Gloucestershire. The Londoner evidently did business with Lubeck and other continental cities. The emigrant ancestor of the family of this name which has been of prominence from the first settlement, was William Dangerfield who patented land on the Rappahannock in 1667 and died before 1671. His son John was born in 1631 so the emigrant might well have been the son William named in the will of Thomas Dangerfield of London. Of course this would have to be proved by farther research. For an account of the Virginia family, see *Wm & Mary Quarterly*, VIII, and IX. Whatever the English descent of the Virginia family it can disclaim any connection with the notorious scoundrel, Thomas Dangerfield, the informer, of the time of Charles II. He was born at Waltham, Essex, about 1650, and was a considerably younger man than John Dangerfield, son of the emigrant to Virginia.]

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WILLIAM DOWNEMAN, of Plymouth, co. Devon.

Merchant.

Dated 21 April 1607.

Proved 12 March 1609-10

To the poore of Plymouth, £5.

To JAMES DOWNEMAN, my sonne, two closes of Land conteynning five acres called Fryars Pricks within the borough of Plymouth, in the tenure of CHRISTOFER WILKINS as in the right of LEAR his now wife. Provided that, ALICE my wife injoye the same during her life.

To CHRISTOPHER DOWNEMAN, my sonne, one tenement with two Closes of Land thereto belonging, now in the tenure of ROGER COOMYN, within the town of Plimpton Morris, in the said Co. of Devon. And one other tenement lyeing in Mill-streete in Plimpton Mary also two Closes of land to the said Tenement belong in Plympton Underwood in the said Co. in the tenure of FRANCIS DERRANT.

To ZACHARY DOWNEMAN, my sonne, one Tenement, one Orchard and one Garden, now in the tenure of JOHN VOSPER lyeing within the borough of Liskeard, co. Cornwall.

To ROBERT DOWNEMAN, my sonne, one tenement wherein JAMES KNAPP now dwelleth, scytuate within the Burrough of Plymouth in Trevill streate, and also one Close of land conteyning by estimation, one Acre, now in the tenure of CHRISTOFER WILKINS as in the right of LOAR his wife, scituate in the Burrough of Plymouth neere the Horsing poole. And also one parcell of land in Fursball, in Plymouth neere a place sometimes called Larry Milles now in the tenure of the said CHRISTOFER WILKINS.

To PRUDENCE DOWNEMAN, my daughter, £100. To JUDITH DOWNEMAN, my daughter, £100. To JOHN DOWNEMAN, my son £20. To ANNE, my daughter, after the death of ALICE my wife, my best sylver goblett. Residuary Legatee and Sole Executrix: the said ALICE my wife.

Overseers: my freinds, JOHN PHILIPS and THOMAS PAYNE, merchants.

THOMAS PAYNE —

GEORGE JONES —Witnesses

WALTER GLUBB —

Proved 12 March 1609 by the Sole Executrix named.

P. C. C. 27 Wingfield.

[In an old paper preserved by descendants of the Virginia Downman family it is stated "My father's great grand father Gave Great assistance to the building up of a Cathedral Church in plemouth (Plymouth) his name is set in the wall. William Downeman a Great rememberer of the poor \* \* my grandfather went to perbodus (Barbadoes) and lived at a place called Spiheres my father was left his Estate a youth," and is added in another part "Raleigh Downeman the young son \* \* \* moved to Bermuda, thence to Lancaster County Va, 1653." This is a vague, crude tradition. The name Raleigh certainly does not appear in the family until after its arrival in Virginia, but the tradition may con-

tain a clue as to the true line of descent. John Downeman was born in 1592 and came to Virginia in the *John & Frances*, 1614. His wife Elizabeth who was born in 1519, came in the *Warwick*, 1621. At the time of the census of 1624-5 they lived at Elizabeth City. John Downeman was appointed a Commissioner (justice) for that county March 1628-9, and was a Burgess October 1629. Another emigrant was "William Downeman, gent," who came in 1608. The first of the present Virginia family of the name was William Downman who lived in Lancaster County in 1652, and who died in 1659, leaving a widow Dorothy. They were no doubt parents of William Downman who married about 1679, Million, daughter of Raleigh Travers of Lancaster County, and died in 1712. See *Wm & Mary Quarterly*, XVIII, 138-141, and Hayden's *Virginia Genealogies*. Wm. Downman, who died in 1765, or his brother Raleigh who died, a very old man, in 1781, may have been the writer of the old paper referred to. They were grandsons of William and Million Downeman. It will be noted that the family tradition, as given in this paper, traces to a resident of Plymouth.]

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JOHN DOWNES, Citizen and Merchanttaylor of London.

Dated 7 Feb. 1616-17.

Proved 20 May 1617.

My goods and chattels to be divided into three equall parts, to ANN my wife, one part, one other parte unto my three Children, JOHN, ANN and MARGARETT, to be divided and paid unto them at their ages of Twentie and one yeares or daye of marriage, the other third part as follows:

To my father and mother EDMOND & JOANE DOWNE, £20. To my brother GEORGE DOWNE and to my Sister his bedfellowe, to each 10s. to make them a Ring. To ROGER CLAXTON and to my sister ALICE his wife, 10s. to make them Rings. To HUGH VYOLL and to my sister ELLEN his wife 10s. to make them Rings. To my sister JOANE DOWNE, £5. To my brother NICHOLAS DOWNE, a peece of "brode" Clothe. To my three overseers, hereafter named 20- each, to make them Rings. To Mr. ANES Preacher, xxij. To the poore of the parish, xxs.

Residuary Legatee and Sole Executrix: ANN my wife.

Overseers: JOHN MOTHE, and NICHOLAS HOOKER, Citizens and Goldsmiths of London and my brother NICHOLAS DOWNE and my freind GEORGE TURSEMAN mchanttaylor.

And concerning my lands in Eastham neere Crewkerne in the Co. of Somerset I bequeath the same unto ANN my wife, her heires and assigns for ever.

EDWARD ROMENY, Scr. —  
 THOMAS HOUGHTON, Scr. —Witnesses.  
 & —  
 EDWARD COOKE. —

Proved 20 May 1617 by the Sole Executrix named.

P. C. C. 48 Weldon.

[The Nicholas Downes named as brother, may have been Nicholas Downes, of London, Esq., whose will was printed in this Magazine XXII, 26, and who had a niece Jane Downes in Virginia. George Downe or Downes was a Burgess for Elizabeth City Co., Va., 1631 and 1632, and may have been the brother George named in the will. In this case, as in many others, the wills are printed, as affording good clues for further work.]

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DOROTHIE DUKE within the precinct of the Cathedrall Church  
 of the Holy Trinity of Norwiche, the widowe of Mr. ED-  
 WARD DUKE of Benhall in the Countie of Suff. Esq.

Dated 20 Jan. 1611.

Proved 23 May 1614.

My body to be buried in Benhall Church. To my sonne  
 in Lawe Sr. JOHN \*BLUENERHASSET, Knighte, one guilte Cupp  
 of iiij£. To my daughter his wife, the best Bedd and Bed-  
 stead. To theire sonne and heire HENRY BLENERHASSET, £40,  
 to be paid him when he comes to the age of one and twentie  
 yeares. To my sonne SAMUEL BLUENERHASSET of Lowdham,  
 Esquire, one silver Cupp of iiij£. To my daughter, his wife,  
 one gould Rynge. To my goddaughter, DOROTHIE BLENER-  
 HASSET, £50. To my sonne in lawe, Mr. WILLIAM WEBB,  
 gent, One silver Cupp of iiij£. To my daughter, his wife, one  
 Golde Rynge. To her daughter, ANNE WEBB, one silver boll.  
 To my sonne SYDNOR, my silver Boll that is used every daye.  
 To my Brother Sr. ROBERT JERMYN, a golde rynge. To his  
 Ladye, a golde rynge. To my Brother, WILLIAM JERMYN, a  
 golde rynge. To Mrs. CORBET, one little square quishion. To  
 my brother SIDNOR, a golde rynge. To my god sonne WILLIAM  
 SIDNOR, twoe silver spoones. To my goddaughter DOROTHIE  
 SIDNOR, twoe silver spoones. To my Ladie ASHEFIELD, one  
 white taffata quishion. To my godsonne EDWARD DUKE, one  
 guilt Cupp and one Crimson velvet quishion "wroughte with

the DUKES & JERMYNS Armes." To my Cosin Mrs. JANE TURRELL, twentie shillings. To my Cosin THEISTON [?THIRSTON] of Hexton, one gould rynge. And to his wife a golde rynge. To my goddaughter Mrs. FRANNCY ARCHDALE, my Canopie. To her sonne, my godsonne, twoe silver spoones. To WILLIAM FUGILL, CLARKE, 10s. To my Cosin NICHOLAS EDGAR, one golde ringe. To my Cosin SMITHE his daughter, my goddaughter DOROTHIE, one peece of plate, of 20s. price. To my goddaughter, DOROTHIE, the daughter of Sr. JOHN TARSBOROUGH one peece of plate, of 20s. price. To Mr. THOMAS CORBETTS sonne, my godsonne, one peece of plate of 20s. price. To my Neiphue, EDWARD ELMES, V£. To my Cosin, EVEREDS sonne, my godsonne, one peece of plate, of 20s. price. To my Neece KATHERINE, the wife of WILLIAM SNOWDYNE, V£. To my Neiphue PERCEY, one Teaster of a Bedd of Tawney coulour Damaske. To my Servant, GEORGE TOOGOOD, 10s. To my man, THOMAS ASHLIE, 10s. To ANNE CREATEMORE, one featherbed. To the Cannons and Singing men, 10s. to be devided amongst them. To the poore of Catton, 10s. To my servant, EMM, Vs.

Residuary Legatee and Sole Executor:—my sonne THOMAS DUKE.

THEORDORE GOODWYN, & WILLIAM FUGILL, Clerke & MARY GOODWYN wife of the said THEODORE, Witnesses.

Yt is my intent that whatsoever I have given unto my daughter ELIZABETH WEBBE, yf she dye, then her daughter ANNE shall "have them."

Proved 23 May 1614 by the Sole Executor named.

P. C. C. 33 Lawe.

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AMBROS DUKE of Benhall, co. Suff., Esquire.

Dated 22 Oct. 1610.

Proved 2 Feb. 1610-11.

To ELIZABETH, my wife, all my Mannors, Lands, tenements and hereditaments whatsoever, scituate within the counties of Suffolk and Norfolk And also all the rentes, fines, profits, and Commodities whatsoever wch shall arise or be levied or taken by calls or force of a grant and assignment made by JOHN HOLLAND, esq. unto WILLIAM WEBBE & THOMAS GOODWYNE,



esq., of the Manor of Benhall, with the appurtenances which is made to them in truste unto my proper use and benefitt for divers years.

And I will that after all my debts are paid the profitts of my above said Mannors and Lands wch I late purchased of THOMAS ERLE of Arrundell THOMAS ERLE of Suffolk and WILLIAM Lord HOWARD, shalbe yearlie collected and taken by my wife untill my \*sonne shall accomplish the age of six and twentie yeares, for and towards the benefitt of ANNE DUKE & ELIZABETH DUKE my daughters.

\*Not named.

I will that THOMAS DUKE, my brother shall have his borde and lodginge at the charges of my wife for himself and his Man, and also pasture for his two geldings.

To my goddaughter JANE BLEUNERHASSET, one of the daughters of SAMUEL BLEUNERHASSET esqr, and MARIE his wife, my sister, £100. To my brother in lawe, WILLIAM WEBB, and to my sister his wife and to ANNE WEBB their daughter, £5 each. To my godsonne AMBROS BLEUNERHASSET, the sonne of Sr. JOHN BLEUNERHASSET Knight, £20. To DOROTHY DUKE, my mother, THOMAS DUKE, my brother \*\*[WILLIAM SIDNOR, (sic) gent my brother in lawe and unto MARGARET his wife, my sister] and unto THOMAS GOODWYN, my brother in law, unto everie of them a peece of plate of the valew of £5.

To WILLIAM BARNES, of Benhall, my servant, 40s. yearlie. To JOHN JOHNSON, my Man, two suites of apparel. To ROBERT CORBOULD and ROBERT FEVERYEERE, my servants, 40s. a peece. To JOHN BARNES, my servant, £3. To JOHN COZEN, my servant, 40s. To ELIZABETH FORMAN, 40s. To the poore of Benhall, 40s. and to the poore of Saxmondham, 20s. the poore of Snape 30s., the poore of Swefflinge, 20s., and to the poore of Farnham, 10s. To THOMAS EDGAR, gent of greate \*Glemham my kinsman, a Sylver Cupp

Sole Executrix, the said ELIZABETH my wife.

Supervisor:—Sr. HENRY GLEMHAM, knight.

\*\*[In the margin is the foll.]: "This legacy to Mr. SIDNER and his wife were revoked by the testator.....by reason that his said sister died before him." [The erased words have been printed here in brackets.]

THOMAS GOODWIN, JOHN SHERWOOD, EDMOND COLEMAN,  
FRANCIS COLEMAN, & ROBERT SPACHAM Witnesses.

Proved 2 Feb. 1610-11 by the Executrix named.

P. C. C. 14 Wood.

\*[Glemham in Suffk.]

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Abstract of the WILL of

ELIZABETH DUKE, of Benhall, co., Suff., widdowe, the late wife  
of AMBROSE DUKE, Esq., deceased.

Dated 22 Dec. 9 Jas.

Proved 21 Jan. 1611-12.

Whereas the foresaid AMBROSE DUKE did give all his Mannors, lands tenements, and hereditaments whatsoever scituate within the Counties of Suff. and Norff. And also all rents fines and profitts whatsoever which should in any wise be due or be levied or taken by Color or force of a grant or assignment made by JOHN HOLLAND Esqr. unto WILLIAM WEBB and THOMAS GODWYN esquires, of the Mannor of Benhall. To have during my life, Provided that I paye all the debts of the said AMBROSE and paie all his legacies and "keep upp" all his children. And after all his debts were paid, then the profitts which could be rayased should be yearly taken by me, my executors and assignes, during my life, or untill his sonne EDWARD should accomplish the age of six and twenty, for and towards the benefitt of the daughters of the said AMBROSE. And for that I have taken uppon me the execution of the said will I doe stande bound and one ROBERT SPARHAM with me in fouer severall obligacons for the payment of £300 or thereabouts. And whereas I finde myself much subject to sickness \* \* \* Therefore "I discharge of myself and the foresaid debts and of the said ROBERT SPARHAM," and for the preformance of my said husband's Will, doe hereby bequeath all the said Mannors etc to my Executors.

And whereas it has pleased our Sov. Lord the Kings Matie, with the advice of the master and Councill of his highnes Court of Wards and liveries, to commit and grant unto me the Custodie,

wardshipp and marriage of my said Sonne EDWARD DUKE, his highnes Ward and onlie sonne and heire of my said husband And also to grant unto me the third part of the said Mannor Lands To hold the same from the 29th Nov. in the "eight" yere of his Mats. reign during the minority of the said EDWARD. And whereas some of my friends have ingaged themselves for me in divers somes of money by their special bonds Therefore for the discharge of my conscience and their discharge which have soe ingaged themselves I desire the Master and Councell of the said Court to permitt my Executors to injoye the benefitt of the said grants \* \* \* And after my said Executors have satisfied and paid my said freinds soe bound etc. then the overplus to my Sonne EDWARD to be paid him att his age of twentie yeares. And as for the benefitt to be raysed for the preferment of my daughters and their education and bringing upp I referr the same whollie unto the discretion of my executors.

To EME, the now wife of the said ROBERT SPARHAM, £5, and to EDWARD HOLMES, gent., my late husband's "Kendisman," £6.13.4. And to my sister WEBB her daughter ANNE, £10. And to the Widdowe SOYER, 20s to the Goodwife ARTIS, 40s. and unto Mrs HARDIER, 40s. And to ELIZABETH my mayde servant, £3 to my mayde DIANA, 30s. to ROBERT FEAVERYEARE, my man servant, 20s. to ELIZABETH BEART, 10s. ROBERT CORBOULD 20s. JARMEYE BUTTOLF 20s. and JOHN MAN, 30s. all my servants. And to Mr. DAYVES, the preacher, 40s. And to EDMOND COLEMAN of \*Hacheston gent., 40s. And to Mrs. DOROTHE DUKE my mother in lawe, 40s. to buy her a ringe. Also to Mr. THOMAS EDGAR gent., 40s. to buy him a Ring. Also to FRANCIS COLEMAN, the Sonne of EDMOND COLEMAN, gent., of Hacheston, 10s. Also to my two daughters ANNE & ELIZABETH, five payer of Sheets etc to either of these. And the residue of my thrid parte to be devided amongst the Children of EDWARD DOYLE, esquire by MARIE now his wife and RICHARD GOODRICK, esquire by MARGARETT nowe his wife.

Executors: the said THOMAS GOODWYN & THOMAS DUKE, gent my late husband's brother.

Supervisor: WILLIAM JERMYN, esquire.

EDMOND COLEMAN, FRANCYS COLEMAN, GEORGE HATFIELD, his  
marke, JOHN ALDRICHE, WILLIAM GOULDES, his marke,  
JOHIS ALDRICHE, Witnesses.

Proved 21 Jan. 1611-12 by the Executors named.

P. C. C. 5 Fenner.

\*In Suffk.

[These wills are of the family of Duke, of Benhall, Suffolk, ancestors of Elizabeth, wife of Nathaniel Bacon, "the Rebel." The pedigree begins with Richard Duke who was sheriff of London in the reign of Richard I. His descendants for a number of generations were people of position in Suffolk. Edward Duke, Esq., of Brampton and Shadingfield, Suffolk, purchased Benhall, married Dorothy, daughter of Sir Ambrose Jennings, of Rushbrook, Suffolk, and died 1598. His widow's will is printed above. As Dorothy Duke makes no bequest to any Duke children, it would seem that in this, as in other cases, the will corrects the printed pedigree, and that she was step-mother to Ambrose Duke, her husband's successor. Edward Duke was succeeded by his son, Ambrose Duke, Esq., of Benhall, who married Elizabeth, daughter and co-heiress of Bartholomew Calthrop, of Suffolk, and died in 1610. His will and that of his wife are printed. It will be noted that he calls Dorothy Duke "my mother." Ambrose Duke was succeeded by his son Edward Duke of Benhall, who was first knighted and was created a Baronet in 1661. He married Ellen, daughter of John Panton, of Brunslip, Derby, and among his numerous children was Elizabeth, wife of Nathaniel Bacon.]